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VBT planners consider Kenworth trucks for part of Budd farm

By Rosemary K. Otzman
 Independent Editor

Kenworth has a lot of customers in the Van Buren Township area and found a large parcel of land was available in the township, said Bruce Brickman in explaining why the national firm chose VBT for its new facility.

At the Oct. 13 meeting of the township planning commission, Commissioner Medina Atchinson asked Brickman why they chose VBT.

Brickman, of General Development Co., said they also heard that the township was easy to work with for business development.

Kenworth wants to construct a 59,820-square-foot building with related site improvements for outdoor vehicle sales and vehicle showroom uses with accessory vehicle repair and service.

The 20.01-acre site is a part of two existing parcels on the North I-94 Service Drive between Dewitt and Morton Taylor roads currently a part of the Budd Farm.

VBT Treasurer Sharry Budd, who sits on the planning commission, asked to be excused from the discussion because the



property involved is property the Budd farm runs. The commission voted to excuse her. The meeting was by zoom and Budd said she was turning off the connection until the commission was done with the Kenworth item.

The commission held a public hearing with no public comments. After a presentation on the project, the commission voted to recommend to the township board that

it grant special land use for the property zoned C-2, Extensive Highway Business District.

After a lengthy discussion, the commission also voted to grant preliminary site plan approval.

Vidya Krishnan, the township's chief planner and an employee of McKenna, said there will need to be a lot split from a 68-acre parcel. There will be a single curb

cut that is 32' wide. The township has a plan for a future road to go north on the east side of the property and then west to Belleville Road, with cross access half way back on the property.

A five-foot sidewalk will be built in front but there is no sidewalk to the west of the property and a country drain there,

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Two Belleville City Council seats to be filled by voters on Nov. 2

By Rosemary K. Otzman
 Independent Editor

Steve Jones, 49, of 371 Church St., is the only candidate named on the Belleville City Council election ballot on Nov. 2.

There are two seats open and Amy Henry, 52, of 45 Potter Dr., has filed as a write-in candidate. She said she was told she would have to get at least five write-in votes to be elected.

The two, four-year seats are being vacated by Mayor Pro-Tem Jesse Marcotte and Councilman Thomas Fielder, who chose not to run for reelection.

Steve Jones

Steve Jones has lived in the city for 15



Steve Jones



Amy Henry

years and is Custodial Supervisor and Facilities Use Coordinator for the Van Buren Public Schools.

He graduated from Specs Howard School of Broadcast Arts and runs a part-time DJ

business.

Jones made an unsuccessful bid for city council in 2008 and then was appointed to the planning commission and has served since 2008. He had been commission chairman for most of those years.

Jones is active in the Belleville Area Council for the Arts and the Belleville Area Chamber of Commerce, now serving as chairman of the board.

He said he is running for office: "To further contribute to the betterment of the City of Belleville. I have spent the past 12 years on the Belleville Planning Commission and would now like to be involved at a more integral level to ensure the continued progress of our city."

Once elected, Jones said he has three goals:

"1. Better / more-enhanced communication between our residents and the city government.

"2. Look to the future for infrastructure

improvements including high-tech needs such as 'Smart' and autonomous technology.

"3. Ensure adequate funding and training for our public safety departments."

Amy Henry

Amy Henry has lived in the city for three years. She and her husband Albert have three children: Elyssa, Justina, and Brandon.

She graduated from Lincoln Consolidated Schools in Ypsilanti. The family lived on Bemis Road in Van Buren Township for 15 years and before that they lived in Quirk Sub. Her children went to Van Buren Public Schools before they moved to the city. The children had gone to Lincoln Schools when they moved to Bemis.

Henry is self-employed. She makes coffee cups and tumblers and started a website On The Lake Crafts. This is her first bid for elective office and she has never been

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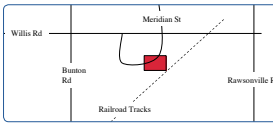
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Sumpter Township board votes to demolish entire fairgrounds

By Rosemary K. Oztman
Independent Editor

The Sumpter Township Board of Trustees voted unanimously at its Oct. 12 regular zoom meeting to go out for bids for the demolition of everything at the fairgrounds. The idea was brought up by Trustee Tim Rush who said that the bleachers on the west side of the fairgrounds are condemned and the tower for announcements is unsafe. Supervisor Tim Bowman said Chris Brinkmeier inspected it and found it in really bad shape.

Trustee Rush said he witnessed two people fall through the bleacher at the last Sumpter Fest.

Trustee Don LaPorte said if it is condemned, they should have the DPW supervisor get three bids.

"I want to see everything torn down," Rush said.

"Absolutely. It's an eyesore at this time," Supervisor Bowman agreed, adding that he and his son walked through the site recently.

Trustee Matt Oddy said they had to section off a whole part of it at the last festival. He said two Sumpter Fests that had to be canceled have taken their toll.

Rush said Parks and Recreation did try to get a grant for a new fence. He said the

late Alan Bates left a significant amount of money for a new fence.

"Just tear it all down," Rush said.

Clerk Esther Hurst said the bleachers were built in the early '90s and deteriorated over the years.

Rush said it was built of wood and new ones should be metal.

"It'd be better to replace it all," Rush said, recommending to start as soon as possible.

The proposal was added to the agenda as item E at the regular meeting and then approved unanimously.

In other business at the township meeting, the board:

- Approved modifying the deadline for new agenda item requests and reports to 4 p.m. Tuesday, prior to the board meeting date. The clerk's office will adjust this timeline by holidays and other scheduling conflicts;

- Approved on a 6-1 vote establish a property offering policy and procedure with Trustee Peggy Morgan voting no. Township attorney Rob Young said the staff will put together packages on the first two parcels of township land to be offered for proposals, their legal descriptions, zonings, tax records and all the information will be ready for the next meeting;

- Approved Wayne County Annual

Permits for 2022, which Clerk Esther Hurst said is required every year;

- Heard Bowman say he has appointed John Hennessey as a township hearing officer;

- Approved hiring Carl Piasecki, 23, of Wyandotte as a full-time police officer contingent on him passing physical and psychological examinations and a drug test. He graduated in November 2020 from the Wayne County Regional Police Academy at Schoolcraft College. He graduated, from Wyandotte Roosevelt High School before earning an associate's degree in Criminal Justice from Schoolcraft College. He will replace Officer Sean Hudson, who plans to resign and move out of state once Cpl. Colleen Gottschalk returns from medical leave near the end of the year. The board agreed with Chief Eric Luke to start the new officer at the six-month pay scale;

- Heard Clerk Hurst say she understands the museum in Belleville is closing. Township Administrator Michelle Cole said she called Van Buren Township Supervisor Kevin McNamara and he said a permanent decision has not been made to close it or do upgrades. Cole said McNamara said he would notify Sumpter of a meeting on the issue. Rush said the township has a lot of artifacts at the museum and the township

can reclaim them. Supervisor Bowman said, "I think Sumpter Township artifacts should be in Sumpter Township. If they are here, they'd have to visit us";

- Discussed Trustee Morgan's request to put township meetings on channel 12 again so people without computers or smartphones can see them;

- Discussed Trustee LaPorte's question about when the board will go back to meeting in public session. He said he has been getting many calls from residents. Morgan agreed, saying she'd like to go back to public meetings and people could wear masks. Clerk Hurst said she thinks they decided to the end of the year and Oddy asked the records be checked because there had been a lot of going public and then closing so he's unsure of what they had decided; and

- Heard Chief Luke say the township population is rising by 20-25% because of all the new mobile homes being put into the Holiday West, Holiday Woods, and Rawsonville Woods parks. He said he guessed at first that they all would be filled in two years, but it looks like it will be sooner. Luke said they will have to hold a strategic planning session on the numbers. LaPorte said the township will have to define the needs.

City Council approves locations for sculptures at Horizon Park

By Rosemary K. Oztman
Independent Editor

After a lengthy discussion at Monday's in-person/zoom meeting, the Belleville City Council agreed to allow placement of two more sculptures at Horizon Park.

At a previous meeting, Councilman Ken Voigt had requested placement of the sculptures, donated by the Belleville Area Council for the Arts, but his selected locations were questioned.

The council agreed to put one of the pieces between the gazebo and the Veterans' Memorial and the other on the other side of the gazebo at the far end of the park. Councilman Voigt did not dispute the locations.

City Manager/Police Chief Dave Robinson said that he would go out in the morning with some white paint from the DPW and mark the two locations with numbers 1 and 2 and council members could go out and check the locations before the cement slabs are put in place.

Voigt said installation was being paid for by the arts council

One of the two sculptures is the Upsidedown Man, donated to the city by Justin Juriga and stored in the DPW garage for about 10 years. Voigt said Jim Chudzinski and his auto shop completely

redid the artwork that had been damaged in the city's care.

The other sculpture is of recycled rebar and Voigt said it had no name. It was a winner at one of the recent art shows and purchased by the Council for the Arts from artist Tim Elden, who has stored it at his home for several years.

Council members wanted to make sure no resident's view of the lake was obstructed by a sculpture.

Councilman Tom Fielder said he has talked to a lot of people who were concerned with blocking views of the sunset at Horizon Park. He asked what will happen if someone donates a third sculpture to go up? He said the Horizon Park would become a statuary park, not a viewing park.

City Manager Robinson said he researched the proposed sites and approved Voigt's locations on the basis of whether its safe to be there. He said the council should discuss it and guide him in what they want to do.

"I made a lot of ashtrays in elementary school, but I'm not an artsy kind of guy," Robinson said.

It was noted that the Upsidedown Man was considered for Victory Park a decade ago and it was decided it was too sharp to be where children play and so it was stored.

"There's no sharp edges," Voigt stated.

Voigt said the placement he selected will not block the view of anyone's house and the spots are by the ropes because they are iconic structures and people can see them from the water and maybe dock to come ashore.

He said the Hands Held High sculpture in the park is not blocking anyone's view and people take pictures of it all the time and post them on social media.

Voigt said Fielder's argument is "fallacious" that the Downtown Development Authority's art committee should be a part of this discussion. He said that committee was to select sculptures that are leased. He said the DDA agreed to cut the grass and it's the council's job to run the parks.

Mayor Kerreen Conley put all the arguments together, noting the park between the gazebo and the Veterans' Monument has a rose arbor, statues, fish, benches and other things, but the area on the other side of the gazebo has nothing. She proposed one sculpture be placed on the far part of the park that has nothing in it.

"You say it's not sharp," she said to Voigt. "Maybe it's not sharp. It's been refurbished."

She said the city used to have art at the Davenport Center. There was a beautiful horse there, she said. She suggested they look at locations not just on the water for future sculptures.

"They'd be beautiful in other parks," she said.

The council had not officially accepted the wrought iron sculpture and so it was a part of the resolution to put the sculptures in the park.

Robinson said he could put together a pretty short draft policy for how to handle future sculptures that are donated. He said he would do so and circulate it to council members.

In other business at Monday's one-hour-and-eight-minute meeting, the council:

- Approved the marijuana license renewal fee resolution as provided for in Section 10, subsection 4 of the ordinance. The annual fee of each issued Provisional License and City Full License has to be set by resolution and cannot exceed \$5,000 a year. It was set for \$5,000. It has to be set 90 days before and Feb. 1 is the renewal day;

- Approved the Holiday Wreath Sale by Boy Scout Troop #793, who wanted it on Dec. 5 from 8 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. at

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O P I N I O N S

Editorial

Museum closure topic of discussion

Over the past week, the question of the closure of the Belleville Area Museum was a topic of conversation at public meetings at Sumpter Township, City of Belleville, and Belleville Area District Library.

Everyone is upset with the way Van Buren Township has handled the museum. VBT, which owns the museum building and its site in downtown Belleville, decided to close the museum and warn people to stay off the property. That was just before Harvest Fest that usually has several historical demonstrations inside and outside of the museum.

Belleville Mayor Kerreen Conley said she called VBT Supervisor Kevin McNamara and told him any other week they could have closed the museum and nobody would have noticed, but not on the weekend of the annual Harvest Fest. She said after that conversation and a meeting at VBT they decided to let people step on the property and even go inside the building briefly to pick up what they needed for Harvest Fest.

Councilman Tom Fielder said, for those worried about historic items they had loaned to the museum, he was told the township will have professional conservators come in and move things to safety before construction begins. Last week they began work on the link between the museum and the building behind, so it doesn't look like it's closed forever. VBT promised an open meeting on the subject.

EXTRA THINGS I KNOW

...By Rosemary K. Otzman

Thank you to all our friends who stepped forward with donations since Jerry McKelvey's letter was published in last week's edition. We've heard many kind things said about how much the paper means to them. We're working hard to keep it going so people will know what's going on in their communities and how it will affect their pocketbooks.

On Monday, Mayor Kerreen Conley announced at the end of the city council meeting that her son Austin ran the Free Press Marathon on Sunday and completed it in three hours and 26 minutes. A runner herself, she is one proud mother.

Last Thursday I received an email from a Van Buren Township resident: "Just curious if you know why the Welcome to Booville sign isn't out this year. My grandkids used to think that was the neatest thing. They had to move to Florida because their parents got good jobs there (lost jobs here due to COVID) so at least they won't miss it, but I sure do."

It was learned that the banner that had been used in the past was ripped up by the wind the last time it was used. We've been informed that a new one is being put up this week.

This week's police dispatch log for the City of Belleville contained two interesting items: "narcotics crime at W. Columbia Ave." at 1107 on Oct. 11 and "robbery on Dos Rios" at 1752, also on Oct. 11.

Belleville Police Chief Dave Robinson said the drugs report was a student in possession of marijuana in the student's



assigned locker and was located by high school staff and reported to the SRO (school resource officer).

He said the robbery call on Dos Rios was reclassified as a suspicious circumstance. Chief Robinson said he spoke to the owner of the phone number attached to the call and was advised there was no robbery and most likely it was his friends thinking they were being funny with a prank call.

Thank you, chief, for explaining it all.

A reader said he was shopping on Sunday at Menards and the lights went out and everyone kept on shopping and then they went on. A few minutes later the lights went out again and again nobody seemed to care. He said they have skylights and didn't need to turn on the generators.

Van Buren Township emergency crews were called to the parking lot at the end of Sawgrass Court in the Meadows of Van Buren on Friday afternoon after a U-Haul was driven over the curb and into the poles supporting the carport, which caused the carport to start collapsing. The poles were leaning severely.

A reader called to tell us for the past two weeks the residents have been waiting for them to finish the repaving of the parking lot and it finally was done. It was beautiful. He said he hadn't parked under his carport and had parked closer to his residence that afternoon and so his car wasn't in

danger, but he did go door to door alerting neighbors that it might be a good idea to move their cars before the roof fell in.

He said he was told they probably will have to tear up the new asphalt to put the new poles in cement.

He said everyone was waiting for someone from U-Haul to arrive because once that vehicle was moved, the collapse was sure. He said there were no injuries.

At Monday's city council meeting, Councilman Tom Fielder said the Belleville High School football team will host a final playoff game at the same time as trick or treat in downtown Belleville on Oct. 29. Belleville City Manager/Police Chief Dave Robinson said the traffic will be under control. Main Street will be closed for trick or treaters, so he has to get the football crowd to BHS without a problem. He says he can do it.

My head is spinning with all the staff changes at VBT. Jim Taylor retired, but he's back as a consultant on Water/Sewer. Communications person Alysha Albrecht left for a new job. Carol Thompson, the chairperson of the planning commission, resigned and is moving up north. Now Matt Best, director of public services, is leaving.



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Letters

Urge you to attend school board meetings

To the editor:

I'd like to thank our VBPS school board president Amy Pearce whose kind words "commended" attendees at school board meetings for "not causing an uproar in meetings."

I am sure thousands of interested persons have watched the news coverage of incidents where a few overwrought people have publicly shown a lack of restraint. While I do disagree with such inappropriate mannerisms, I do, however, wholeheartedly agree with a person's constitutional right and freedom of speech and to speak whenever or wherever that person senses harm, either by word or action, which will intentionally or unintentionally, affect a child's mind.

In my view, the subject matter -- CURRICULUM is what we should be most concerned and focused upon.

Just today, I received a letter from the Heritage Foundation and I would like to inform our citizenry of it here.

"Critical race theory is spreading across our country like wildfire. Once isolated to colleges and universities, it has now invaded our K-12 schools, workplaces, state and local governments, and even our U.S. military." The letter goes on to state: "...this divisive theory which flies in the face of our most fundamental American principals of equality and disgustingly teaches people to hate one another based on the color of their skin."

If there ever was a time in history why we citizens have genuine concern over the evil intent of those politicians now in power, it is NOW! We all must stay alert and ever watchful and become involved, both locally and nationally.

We parents and grandparents will always assume our God-given obligation and privilege to respectfully stand up and speak out on behalf of our children. Most assuredly, we, as guardians of our children's well-being, will not ignore, or tolerate, in any way, shape or form, any interference or harmful "directives" a third party such as the teacher's unions and/or radical politicians try to implement.

Agreed, our teachers are sometimes emotionally stressed-out, and oftentimes, although they may disagree, are fearful of reprisal or termination. Please know, with

certainly, that I personally will never agree to, or encourage, any act of violence or semblance of disrespect. At the same time, it is my intent to repeatedly and strongly urge all parents to attend our tri-community Van Buren Public Schools board meetings and, if you see or hear anything you consider harmful to a child's mind, please respectfully speak up.

Then too, a further note to parents of school-age children, I strongly recommend you urge your children to accompany you to the school board meetings. Let them witness "first-hand" local government "at work." Introduce your children to their own student representative sitting alongside our board members. Your children will remain thankful for the love you have shown them through your genuine concern and dedication of time spent on their behalf.

P.S. Note to board president Amy Pearce: Would you consider appointing/voting on a seat on the board reserved for a "Parent Representative"? Perhaps, the time has come!

I'd like to have your thoughts, please.

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Oct. 17 – Neelan Robinson
Oct. 21 – Reia Clark, Matthew Kubit
Oct. 24 – Elaine Gutierrez, Shawn Steger
Oct. 25 – Maryann Wells
Oct. 26 – George A. Kennedy, Mark McArthur
Oct. 27 – Brenda McArthur
Oct. 29 – Dennis Sturtz

BHS at-home games

- Thursday, Oct. 21: Girls Swim/Dive vs Wayne Memorial HS, 6:30 p.m.
- Friday, Oct. 22: Varsity Football vs KLAA CrossOver, 7 p.m.

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Obituaries



Bryan Kevin Gage

BRYAN KEVIN GAGE

(February 4, 1963 – October 16, 2021)
Bryan Kevin Gage, age 58, of Flat Rock, MI, passed away Saturday, October 16, 2021, at his home. He was born February 4, 1963, in Bad Axe, MI, son of William Gage Sr. and Patricia (Burton) Gage.

He worked as a transporter from the assembly line for Ford Motor Company of Flat Rock. He enjoyed gardening and cooking, animals, spending time with family, had a love of teddy bears, and really enjoyed special time together with his mom.

Bryan is survived by his mother Pat; his nephews Adam (Megan) Gage, of Dearborn Heights, Aaron (Stephanie) Gage of Brighton; niece Natalie Gage of Brighton; sister-in-law Tamara Gage of Belleville; uncles Gene (Ruth) Barrett, Tom (Joan) Burton Jr., both of Grand Blanc, Bruce (Debbie) Burton of Schwartz Creek; as well as numerous cousins. He was preceded in death by brothers, William Gage Jr., and Timothy Gage; his father William Gage Sr.; and his grandparents William and Eleanor Gage and William and Moniece Michalek.

Visitation was from 3-7 PM Wednesday, October 20, 2021, and the funeral service will be Thursday, October 21, 2021 at 1 PM. Pastor Gary Gearhart will officiate. Burial will be at Hillside Cemetery in Belleville, Michigan.

Memorial donations may be made to the University of Michigan Marching Band and would be appreciated.

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COVID-19 deaths in 48111 stay at 78, positive tests at 4,239

The number of people who have died from COVID-19 in the 48111 zip code remained at 78 as of Monday, Oct. 18, according to the Wayne County Health Department's last update of the count.

The positive tests for COVID-19 in 48111 totaled 4,239 on Monday, Oct. 18, up from 4,149 on Monday, Oct. 11.

On Monday, Oct. 18, the separate totals released by the Wayne County Health Department for the tri-community were: Van Buren Township, 2,845 positive cases, 43 deaths; City of Belleville, 538 positive cases, 21 deaths; and Sumpter Township 856 positive cases, 14 deaths.

The Van Buren Public Schools report as of last Friday, Oct. 15, there were 55 positive cases since the beginning of school on Aug. 30.

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Obituaries



Toni Patricia Reinhard

TONI P. REINHARD

(January 22, 1954 – October 5, 2021)

Toni Patricia Reinhard, age 67 of Clare, passed away Tuesday, October 5, 2021 at the MidMichigan Medical Center in Clare. Toni was born the daughter of the late James Reginald and Barbara Louise (Thick) McKinney on January 22, 1954 in Ypsilanti. She was united in marriage to Charles Andrew Reinhard on January 15, 1993 with him predeceasing her on September 28, 2021.

Toni had lived in Clare since moving here in 1996. She had worked at Witbeck's Family Foods as a cashier for 8 years prior to retiring, but had recently started working part-time again. Toni enjoyed bowling and had belonged to a Clare Bowling League on Sundays.

Survivors include her children Michael (Lauren) Palozzola of Alton, IL., Kathi (David) Stanley of LaVergne, TN., Aaron Reinhard of Clare, Jack (Stacey) Reinhard of New York, Charlie Reinhard of Ypsilanti, and Chrissy Reinhard of Ypsilanti; fifteen grandchildren, and nine great-grandchildren.

In keeping with Toni's wishes, cremation has taken place. A celebration of life service will take place at the clubhouse of Belle Villa Meadows Mobile Home Park, 955 Sumpter Rd., Belleville, MI on Sunday 10/24/2021 from 1PM-5PM.

LYNN DENISE SEARS

(July 18, 1957 – October 8, 2021)

Age 64, of Romulus. Belleville High School class of 1975. Retired from General Motors Willow Run. Survived by daughters Jessica Valdez and Amber Sears; granddaughter Rosibell Valdez; brother Brent Williams.

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Charles A. Reinhard

CHARLES A. REINHARD

(July 28, 1951 – September 28, 2021)

Charles A. Reinhard, age 70 of Clare, passed away unexpectedly on Tuesday, September 28, 2021 at his home. He was born July 28, 1951, one of four children to Jack and Evelyn (Clark) Reinhard at Beyer Hospital, Ypsilanti, MI. He was united in marriage to his long-time companion Toni (McKinney) Palozzola on January 15, 1993 in Smyrna, TN.

Charles was a proud member of the Belleville High School Class of 1969. Immediately following his high school graduation, he pursued a career in baseball; later moving to Tennessee to pursue a career in music. After moving back to Michigan in the mid '90s, he worked at Renosol Manufacturing in Farwell, MI and retired in 2018.

He is survived by his six children Jack (Stacey) Reinhard of New York, Charlie Reinhard of Ypsilanti, Chrissy Reinhard of Ypsilanti, Aaron Reinhard of Clare, Michael (Lauren) Palozzola of Alton, IL., and Kathi (David) Stanley of LaVergne, TN; fifteen grandchildren, and nine great-grandchildren. Other survivors include his siblings Bob (Dianna) Reinhard of Belleville, Frances (Reinhard) Ashley of Novi, and Sandy (Dean) Selle of South Lyon; and his best friends Jim Tkachuk of Gladwin and Steve Kovach of Belleville.

He was preceded in death by his parents Jack and Evelyn (Clark) Reinhard. In keeping with Charles' wishes, cremation has taken place. A celebration of life service will take place at the clubhouse of Belle Villa Meadows Mobile Home Park, 955 Sumpter Rd., Belleville, MI on Sunday 10/24/2021 from 1PM-5PM.

and provide meaningful support to grieving families and communities," said NFDA Director of Public Relations Jessica Koth, who manages the Pursuit of Excellence Award program.

"The Pursuit of Excellence Task Force was very impressed with this year's entries and commends all of our honorees for their hard work and dedication during these challenging times."

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This award is presented by NFDA annually to firms that have demonstrated a commitment to raising the bar on funeral service excellence by adhering to strict ethical and professional standards and providing outstanding service to families and communities.

"As the pandemic continues to impact our country, funeral homes are finding extraordinary ways to meet the moment

Man behind the annual R. L. Bird 'Outstanding Music Student' Award

For the past 73 years (1948-2021), the R. L. Bird Music Award has been given each year to the Belleville High School band's "Outstanding Music Student" for their exemplary contributions to the band. In honor of the 75th anniversary of his passing, his youngest daughter, Rosalie Bird-Doolittle, decided to do some research and create a portrait and history of Rufus Loren Bird to present to the Belleville High School band (something that would help explain the man behind this annual award).

Rufus L. Bird served as the conductor of the Belleville High School band from 1929 to 1946. He was a man who was dedicated to his students and inspired them to musical excellence. He was also a family man and married Violet Reece in 1921 and they had five children, Gerald, Ralph, Carolyn, Cyril, and Rosalie. They lived on Sumpter Road in Belleville.

He embodied the qualities of persistence and perseverance even in the face of incredible personal challenges, including the loss of his first-born son, Gerald, who was killed in WWII in 1944. His strength and bravery was a daily example to others. He remained faithful to his teaching responsibilities.

Anyone who has been in band, knows that the lessons you learn will stay with you for the rest of your life. Lessons of working together and discipline build the person's strength and character.

The legacy of Rufus Bird lives on in the students, past and present, who have been chosen by their peers to receive recognition for being an "Outstanding Music Student."

Mr. Bird passed on August 29, 1946 – Rosalie was just 4 years old at the time. She doesn't have many memories of her father, but with the aid of the internet, newspaper articles, old yearbooks, and remaining family members, she put together his biographical information and had it framed so it could be displayed in the high school band room.

In honor of his 17 years of service to the Belleville community, many Bird family members have performed with the band over the years under the direction of various band conductors and carried on the tradition of band music within the Bird family.

The following former BHS band members, whose names are Bird and were known to Mr. Bird as Dad, Grandpa, and Great-grandpa are listed below:

Gerald Bird, Ralph Bird, Carolyn Bird-Wheatley, Cyril Bird, Jill Hackett, Konia Nikas (daughters of Rosalie Bird-Doolittle), Ray Bird, Pamela Bird-Fleming, Craig Bird (of the Ralph Bird family), Carey Bird-Blair and Kate Bird-Boehmer (daughters of Roger Bird), as well as Rosalie Bird-Doolittle.

The student who will be chosen as the "Outstanding Music Student" this 2021 academic year, will now know about the background of the band director behind the R. L. Bird Music Award. May that special student know that the Bird family expresses



our heartfelt and sincerest congratulations!

The Bird family extends our unwavering support and appreciation to Mr. Nick Taylor, the current Belleville High School Director of Bands. Mr. Taylor has been with the Belleville Music Department since 2003 – 18 years of his teaching career has been spent at the same type of podium from which Rufus Bird conducted the band. We extend our gratitude to Nick Taylor for his devotion and commitment to the students of the Belleville High School Bands and the "Marching Tigers."

-- Rosalie Bird-Doolittle
daughter of R. L. Bird



R. L. Bird Music Award

(This is the information that will be displayed in the Belleville High School band room.)

Rufus Loren Bird was born December 5, 1895, in Mooreland, Indiana. He grew up with a genuine appreciation of music and learned to play the violin. Over time, he became proficient on several different instruments to become an effective band teacher. His early life included some interesting times:

- He served in WWI in France and Germany until June 28, 1919, the end of the war.

- He graduated from Ball State University, Muncie, Indiana, in 1929.

- Mr. Bird taught in small towns in Indiana while getting his Bachelor of Arts degree.

- In 1927 under his leadership, the band in Fairmount, Indiana, won the Indiana State Championship in the Class B high school bands.

- In 1929 and 1930, Dr. William D. Revelli's band in Hobart, Indiana, also won the Indiana State Championship in Class B high school bands.

Upon Mr. Bird's college graduation, he accepted the music position at the Van Buren Public Schools and was the band and orchestra director from 1929 to 1946. He spent his entire teaching career in service to the Belleville community.

The fall of 1929 was the first time that band and orchestra were offered as a class, five days a week, with full credit granted for participation and musicianship.

From 1930 to 1938, Mr. Bird attended nine summer sessions at the University of Michigan to complete his master's degree. The first five summers, he was a student of Nicholas Falcone at the U of M, who was considered one of the finest conductors in the country. In 1935 when Dr. Revelli came to Michigan, an equally talented conductor, Mr. Bird continued his studies. Mr. Bird lived eight years with a BA and Master's credentials before his passing on August 29, 1946.

Rufus Bird was a man who was dedicated to his students and inspired them to musical excellence. He was also a family man and married Violet Reece in 1921. They had

five children -- Gerald, Ralph, Carolyn, Cyril, and Rosalie. They lived on Sumpter Road in Belleville.

He embodied the qualities of persistence and perseverance even in the face of incredible personal challenges, including the loss of his first-born son, Gerald, who was killed in WWII in 1944. His strength was a daily example to others. He was faithful to his teaching responsibilities.

Anyone who has been in band, knows that the lessons you learn will stay with you for the rest of your life. Lessons of working together, discipline, punctuality, cooperation, and learning to take instruction develops an individual's core.

The legacy of Rufus Bird lives on in the students, past and present, who have been chosen to receive recognition for being an "Outstanding Music Student."

The Bird family extends our deepest appreciation to all the past and current band directors who continue to exemplify outstanding leadership.

To the winners of the R. L. Bird Music Award and to all dedicated band members, we want you to know how much we appreciate your exemplary talent and dedication to the Belleville High School Band. Thank you for sharing your gift of music and for continuing to honor our father's memory.

Rosalie Bird-Doolittle – 2021
Youngest daughter of R.L. Bird
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Joseph Veloz of Belleville sets showcase concert in Canton

Joseph Veloz, a Bassist originally from Westland and a City of Belleville resident for 12 years, is having a live showcase concert at 7 p.m., Nov. 10 at the Village Theater at Cherry Hill in Canton Township.

Veloz said he will be featuring some of the best musicians from the state of Michigan including Greg Nagy on vocals and special guest performances by Thornetta Davis and Larry McCray.

His new CD "Joseph and the Velozians" is full of high-energy recordings including Drew Abbot, Larry McCray, and Thornetta Davis and many other Detroit- and Michigan-based musicians.

Tickets are available at <https://our.show/canton-township-village-theater-at-cherry-hill/97922>

Veloz said for the last three years he had been the Bassist for the Thornetta Davis Band. Before COVID they were traveling across the U.S. and also abroad. The last big blues events he was able to participate in before the lockdown were the Legendary Rhythm & Blues Cruise w/Thornetta Davis and The International Blues Challenge presented by the Blues Foundation with the Chris Canas Band. He said their band was able to make it to the final eight bands out of 300.



Photo by Zaneta Alvarez

"I was a classically trained upright player in high school and transferred that fundamental knowledge of bass and music over to bass guitar at the age of 15," Veloz said. "I studied music performance at Wayne State University in Detroit and at The American Conservatory of Music in Chicago. From those beginnings I have been a working musician for over 25 years now..."

"I have been blessed to travel the whole U.S. and 14 different countries throughout my career and look forward to more travels plans that are coming in 2022," he said.

Belleville Day in Florida set for Feb. 23, 2022

The date of Belleville Day in Florida has been changed from Feb. 9 to Feb. 23, 2022, according to Peter Dodge, who now lives in Florida.

The day, which features a luncheon with old friends and new friends, is scheduled for noon to 4 p.m. at Citrus Hills Golf and Country Club in Hernando, FL. The cost is still being determined and will be announced later.

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Tragedy struck for a local resident and his teammate early Saturday morning, in a skydiving accident in Whiteville, Tennessee, near Memphis. James Wigginton of Van Buren Township and Thomas J Noonan, III, were attempting to break Wigginton's Guinness World Record for highest tandem skydive, when Noonan fell unconscious in the plane, at an altitude of 41,000 feet, with the door open and the two of them partway out. They had switched from the on-board oxygen system to their portable jump oxygen, which malfunctioned at that altitude, and Noonan could not be revived. Wigginton said that Noonan, 47, was an international legend in the skydiving community, tandem master instructor for over 25 years, and longtime teammate of Wigginton and PH de Barre, of Coiurcheval, France, who together, set numerous records and extreme skydives around the world. Noonan, of New Smyrna, FL, is survived by his fiancée Julie Watkins, also of New Smyrna, his mother Rita Noonan and his sister Kelly Noonan, both of Boston, MA. In the picture taken before they took off Saturday, Noonan, at left, and Wigginton are in the blue suits.

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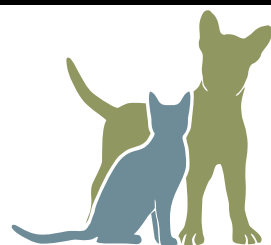
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the Fourth Street Square. Since this is the same time as Winterfest events, Robinson said he would check with the organizers of Winterfest to see if there is space on the square and if not they would find another location for the scouts;

- Approved three annual permits from Wayne County for maintenance, pavement restoration, and special events;

- Approved accounts payable in the amount of \$144,227.81 and the following departmental purchases in excess of \$500: to Belle Tire, \$955.99 for new tires and alignment for the 2017 Ford Interceptor; to Blue Ribbon Contracting, \$2,785.50 for repair of leaky stop box at 109 N. Edgemont and \$3,546.50 for repair of leaky stop box at 537 Victorian Ln.; to Mueller, \$2,888.18 for 30 remote readers for water billing; and to Osborne Concrete, \$840 to replace road from broken sewer on Bedell Street;

- Heard DPW Director Rick Rutherford say that the invoice for the remote readers for water billing was ordered in June or July and the city just got them. He said now they have to reorder;

- Heard Robinson report that he is looking at a lot of different grant requests to the county for use of not only the COVID funds, but other things from the trillions of dollars in stimulus funds. He said he wants to be ready with requests when the funds arrive. He said the requests will be comprehensive and he's working with Sumpter Township on water systems, and on roads in subdivisions, as well as the intersection at Main and Liberty;

- Heard Deputy Administrator Tim McLean say the Booville sign replacement was ordered and is due to be ready on Wednesday. The previous sign was destroyed by winds the last time it was up;

- Heard Councilman Fielder say it looks like the Belleville High School football team will play Hartland for the league

championship and BHS will host the final game the same day as Halloween trick or treat night in downtown Belleville; and

- Heard Mayor Conley say that there was a Lakefest debriefing where they discussed what went well and what they will need help with next year. She said electricity at Fourth Street Square and a stage are priorities. She said a lot of good ideas were bought out and they want to use the lake as much as possible. She also said she received an anonymous letter on ordinance enforcement which she will share with council members. Robinson said he got it, too.

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The Belleville Tigers football team continued its march towards the playoffs with a 53-29 victory at Livonia Franklin on Oct. 15 to capture the Kensington Lakes Athletic Association's East Division title. This Friday the Tigers will host Hartland in a crossover contest, with the winner claiming the KLAA League Championship title, beginning at 7 p.m. Both teams enter the contest at 7-1. Go, Tigers!

The Belleville Community Chorus will be sponsoring a costumed Cake Walk, on Saturday, Oct. 23, from 3 to 6 p.m. under

the big tent at Fourth Street Square.

Friends of Michigan Animals Rescue will be holding a dinner fundraiser on Sunday, Nov. 21, from 11 a.m. to 9 p.m. at Haab's of Ypsilanti where 10% of your total bill will go in support of the no-kill shelter. No flyer is necessary. FMAR is also selling Little Caesar's Pizza Kits for direct delivery, now through Oct. 27. Call (734) 461-9458.

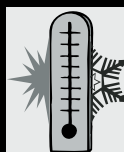
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Upcoming Meetings

- Monday, Oct. 25 – Van Buren Public Schools Board of Education, 7 p.m.
- Tuesday, Oct. 26 – Van Buren Township Downtown Development Authority, 5:30

p.m. Also, Sumpter Township workshop and regular meeting at 6 p.m.

- Wednesday, Oct. 27 – Van Buren Township Planning Commission, 7:30 p.m.
- Monday, Nov. 1 – Van Buren Township work/study session at 4 p.m. Also, Belleville City Council, 7:30 p.m.
- Tuesday, Nov. 2 – Van Buren Township regular meeting at 6 p.m.
- Thursday, Nov. 4 – Sumpter Township Planning Commission, quarterly meeting, 7 p.m. Also, Belleville Planning Commission, 7 p.m.
- Monday, Nov. 8 – Van Buren Public Schools Board of Education, 7 p.m.
- Tuesday, Nov. 9 – Van Buren Township Local Development Finance Authority, 2 p.m. Also, Sumpter Township workshop and regular meeting, 6 p.m. Also, Van Buren Township Board of Zoning Appeals, 7 p.m. Also, Belleville Area District Library Board, 7:30 p.m.



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Court Watching:

Langford bound over for safe-breaking, home invasion in Belleville

By Rosemary K. Otzman
Independent Editor

Larry Wayne Langford, Jr., 44, of Detroit appeared on Sept. 1 from the Wayne County Jail where he is being held on bond of \$100,000/10% on seven felony charges and one misdemeanor having to do with a break-in in Belle Villa mobile home park in the City of Belleville on Aug. 9.

Judge Oakley set his live preliminary exam for Oct. 6. He said he would leave the bond in place because these are "pretty serious charges." On Oct. 6, the exam was adjourned until Oct. 13, because the Wayne County Jail did not transport him to be present because he was on a COVID-lockdown floor.

Defense attorney Kendrick Riggins asked for a reduction in bonds, which had been set at \$50,000/10% and \$100,000/10%. He said his client has a drug addiction and this was a crime of opportunity. He said Langford is a tattoo artist and has won awards. He has diabetes and there is a resurgence of COVID in the jail. He has been in jail for three months and he has dried out. He asked for personal bond.

Langford told Judge Oakley that his wife is trying to make ends meet and keep the house.

Judge Oakley reduced the bond to \$50,000 personal on each of the two cases with a GPS tether and house arrest. The bond was conditioned on having no contact with the home invasion site or the owner.

Langford is charged with safe breaking, first-degree home invasion, possessing burglar tools, and two counts of stealing a financial transaction device on Aug. 9. He also is charged with police officer assault and escaping lawful custody on Aug. 10.

On Oct. 13, the date of his preliminary exam, Langford waived the exam and Judge Oakley bound him over to circuit court for an Oct. 20 arraignment on the information.

Assistant Wayne County Prosecutor Alexander Kurrie said safe breaking is a life offense and normally they would hold an exam on the charges, but this was superceded by his superiors. He said the prosecution has a witness ready to testify.

Judge Oakley said he thinks this is his first safe-breaking case in his 37 years in law. He said he was surprised to learn being convicted of the charge could bring life in prison.

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Keystone emphasizes: No critical race theory in classrooms

By Rosemary K. Otzman
Independent Editor

Keystone Charter Academy board president Vesta Losen said she wanted to get an answer to a question that is being asked at many schools throughout the country: "Is critical race theory being taught here?"

She said she called top officials at National Heritage Academy that manages the school and was told, "No, no, and no."

At the Oct. 14 board meeting, she asked Keystone Principal Jorvonna Drain the same question about Keystone and Principal Drain replied, "No way!"

President Losen said she was satisfied with the answers.

There are many definitions for critical race theory and both strong support and strong opposition to the idea.

In other business at the hour-and-a-half meeting, the board:

- Approved paying athletic coach stipends totaling \$1,200 out of board funds. Treasurer Charlene Derrick said she would like to have baseball played at the school. She will look into setting up after-school intramurals;

- Approved spending up to \$3,600 as Christmas marketing for the 65 staff members at Keystone, with the selection of the actual items to be determined by board treasurer Charlene Derrick and secretary Patricia Kirkpatrick after polling staff members for ideas;

- Approved the Parent-Student handbook with the first paragraph with regard to the closure policy removed;

- Approved the school closure policy;
- Approved reappointment of Principal Drain or her designee as the school safety liaison;

- After a closed-door session to discuss

it, unanimously approved the school emergency operations plan with updated safety measures;

- Heard Drain report that currently there are 668 students enrolled. She said the girls' volleyball team placed #1 in its region during the season and they are starting the round-robin tournament on Oct. 18. Said new hires are special education teacher Elizabeth Fulton, second-grade teacher Skyler Barbee, fifth-grade teacher Danielle Joye, educational technology coordinator Michael Yeager, and recess aide Rebecca McCloskey. She said they have vacancies for technology teacher, physical education teacher, two lunch aides, and one special education paraprofessional. A second-grade teacher and a resource room teacher are on medical leaves;

- Heard Drain announce that in the fall NWEA testing they again outperformed the Van Buren Public Schools. She said she will have to change the sign hanging that says they have outperformed other districts from "the last 12 years" to "the last 13 years";

- Was informed the Trunk or Treat put on by the PTO will be from 5 to 7:30 p.m. on Oct. 22;

- Discussed the gifted and talented testing. Drain said the teachers are using the information to form cohorts within the classrooms and not having special classes. She said one whole third-grade class is an advanced class and is moving ahead at a quicker pace. Having gifted students in the regular classrooms help raise the other

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- **Saturday, Oct. 23** – Belleville Community Chorus presents a Booville Event: A Costumed “Cake” Walk, 3-6 p.m., Fourth Street Square Tent, downtown Belleville.
- **Saturday, Oct. 23** – Van Buren Township’s Candy Loop is back from 4 to 6 p.m. at Quirk Park. Wear your costume and stope at different Halloween-themed stations providing treats from local businesses and organizations. Free and open to the public, but register for specific timeslots at vanburen-mi.org/parks. Rain date is Oct. 30.
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- **Thursday, Oct. 28** –7 pm, “Clean Slate for Michigan” 7 p.m. presentation with Robyn McCoy at Southwestern Wayne [County] Democratic Club Membership meeting, Wayne County Fairgrounds’ dining hall, 10871 Quirk Rd., Van Buren Township. Social distancing practiced, masks required for attendees not yet fully vaccinated.
- **Friday, Oct. 29** – Halloween Trick or Treat in downtown Belleville, 5-7 p.m., with costume judging at 6 p.m. at Fourth Street Square. Main Street will be closed starting at 3 p.m.
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CITY OF BELLEVILLE NOTICE OF PUBLIC ACCURACY TEST

In compliance with State Election Law 168, Section 798, a test will be conducted on Wednesday, October 27, 2021 at 10:30 a.m. in City Hall, 6 Main Street, Belleville, MI. This test will certify the program used in tabulators that process voter ballots in the Tuesday, November 2, 2021 City General Election. Test will be open to the public and citizens may attend.

The City of Belleville will provide, in accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, reasonable accommodations with advance notice to the Clerk’s Office (734-697-9323, extension 7010).

Briana Hootman
City Clerk

Posted: October 18, 2021
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Charter Township of Van Buren Public Notice

POLICE VEHICLE AUCTION

On October 28th, 2021, the Van Buren Township Police Department will conduct a public auction of impounded and abandoned vehicles. The auction will begin at 10:30am, at **J&T Towing** and Storage, 287 Industrial Dr. Belleville MI, County of Wayne, where the following will be offered for sale to the highest bidder.

1998	KAWASAKI	CY	JKBVNAE15WA077759	21-7926
2005	CHEVROLET	SW	3GNEK12Z95G190232	21-8292
2007	CHEVROLET	4D	2G1WT58K279163312	21-8729
2005	ACURA	4D	JH4CL96905C000938	21-9511
2001	GMC	VA	1GTHG35R111165347	21-9806
2007	DODGE	SW	1D8GT28K17W590189	21-10297

At 11:30am, the auction will move to **Great Lakes Towing** and storage, 42350 Van Born Rd. Belleville MI, County of Wayne, where the following vehicles, are offered for sale to the highest bidder.

2000	HARLEY DAV.	CY	1HD1CGP14YK123401	21-7973
2019	NISSAN	4D	1N4BL4EV9KC193087	21-7107A
1994	SATURN	2D	1G8ZH1579RZ186586	21-8348
2015	VOLKSWAGON	2D	3VWF17AT3FM620594	21-8584A
2006	LINCOLN	4D	3LNHM261X6R662126	21-8679B
2004	CHEVROLET	4D	1G1ZT5483F113173	21-8527
2012	CHEVROLET	4D	2G1WG5E32C1251867	21-8633A
2006	CHEVROLET	4D	2G1WT55K169404313	21-8795
2014	CHEVROLET	4D	1G1PC5SB7E7134108	21-9056
1983	FORD	MT	1FDKE30L9DHB44686	21-8933
2013	LINCOLN	SW	5LMJJ2H54DEL04477	21-9771
2010	INTERNATIONAL	TK	3HSCUAPR9AN205067	21-9618
2005	HONDA	4D	JHLRD785X5C056105	21-9349
2008	PONTIAC	4D	1G2ZF57B084155067	21-9458B
2002	VOLKSWAGON	4D	WVWPD63B62P453830	21-10064
2006	CHEVROLET	4D	2CNDL23F566191706	21-10223

All vehicles are sold in “as is condition.” Bidding on all impounded vehicles will start at the amount due for towing and storage. Vehicles may be deleted from this list at any time prior to the start of the auction.

Leon Wright MMC, CMMC., Van Buren Township Clerk,
Published: October 21th, 2021



City of Belleville Public Notice



CITY OF BELLEVILLE NOTICE OF GENERAL ELECTION NOVEMBER 2, 2021

In accordance with Michigan Election Law, Act 116 of 1954 Section 168.653(a); notice is hereby given to the registered voters of the City of Belleville that the City General Election will be held TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 2, 2021.

Polls are open from 7:00 A.M. to 8:00 P.M. EST.

Precinct #1 and Precinct #2 are located at St. Anthony’s Church (Father Folta Building), 409 W. Columbia

Each person voting in the election must be:

- A citizen of the United States of America over eighteen (18) years of age.
- A registered elector of the City of Belleville.

The following offices will be on the ballot:

City

Two (2) City Council Members

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, by the City Clerk in accordance with Section 168.653 of the Michigan Election Law, as amended, and Section 208 of the Voting Rights Act of 1965.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN, that all polling places located in the City of Belleville to be used at the November 2, 2021 general election are accessible to voters who are elderly or handicapped.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN, that any voter who requires assistance to vote by reason of blindness, disability or inability to read or write may be given assistance by a person of the voter’s choice other than the voter’s employer or agent of that employee or officer or agent of the voter’s union.

Applications for Absentee Voter Ballots are available at the City Clerk’s Office, City Hall, 6 Main Street, Belleville, MI 48111. Deadline for filing an application to receive an Absentee Ballot for the November 2, 2021 Primary Election is Saturday, October 30, 2021 from 8:00 A.M. to 4:00 P.M.

Briana Hootman
City Clerk

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Keystone

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students' education because there is more critical thinking being demonstrated, said Dean Stacey Reed. Drain said parents are not informed of the results of the testing unless they contact the school;

- Heard a report from Drain on Keystone funds slated through ESSER I, II, and III and how they are expected to be

used. ESSER I is \$99,389; ESSER II is \$221,202 (the state only has released half); and ESSER III is to be \$1,139,422 when it is released. Losen reminded them that these federal funds are to settle problems caused by COVID. Board vice president Steven Harsant said he would like to spend some on a new air filtration system for the school. There was lots of discussion. Drain said she has a meeting with NHA in early November when some of the changing

rules will be discussed and she will bring information back to the board. So far Keystone is planning summer school again next year, retention bonuses for staff, and more paraprofessionals;

- Heard Andrew Roth of NHA announce that NHA is not ready to proceed in Wayne County on the facility refinancing proposal because they need a hearing in the county first. Harsant had many questions on the details of the proposal and Losen suggested they wait until after the meeting they will be attending with NHA so they can ask questions directly of Bob Owen, CFO. If there are more questions, Roth said he could have an official come to the Keystone board meeting; and

- Heard Losen suggest board members study the statement from J.C. Huizenga, the founder of NHA, on the refinancing proposal.

Board member Darren Hickonbottom was not present for the meeting.

Candidates

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appointed to public office.

Henry said she belongs to Mission 22 and runs half marathons. Her hobbies are quilting and crafting.

She said she is running for this office because: "I like what is happening in the city and look forward to helping our city grow."

Henry said her goals once elected are to "help the city become a fun place to use and help others to see our charm."

Election Day is Nov. 2

Polls will be open from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m. on Election Day, Nov. 2. Both Precinct #1 and Precinct #2 in Belleville are located at the Father Folta Building behind St. Anthony Catholic Church, 409 W. Columbia Ave.

The council seats is the only item on the ballot. Applications for absentee ballots are available at the Belleville City Clerk's office at City Hall, 6 Main St. until Saturday, Oct. 30, when the clerk's office will be open from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.

No other elections are taking place in the tri-community, except for Precincts #3 and #4 in Sumpter Township where the Huron School District is seeking a 10-year renewal of its Operating Millage.

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City of Belleville Public Notice

CITY OF BELLEVILLE REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

**Monday, October 4, 2021 - 7:30 pm
VIA ZOOM TELECONFERENCE**

The regular meeting of the City Council was held via a hybrid of in-person and virtual access through ZOOM. Those attending in-person were required to complete a Covid-19 health screening form. All persons who had not been vaccinated for Covid-19 were required to wear a mask while in City Hall.

The regular meeting of the Belleville City Council was called to order by Mayor Conley at 7:30 p.m.

1. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE & MOMENT OF SILENCE

2. ROLL CALL

Council Member Bates	Present via Zoom
Council Member Fielder	Present
Council Member Voigt	Present
Mayor Pro-Tem Marcotte	Present
Mayor Conley	Present

3. APPOINTMENTS, PRESENTATIONS & CITIZENS COMMENTS

A. Council Follow Up List

1) Council Member Voigt would like to see the sprinkler system in Horizon Park rehabilitated, as well as the weeds cleared from the grass. He would also like to see the grass by CVS and Egan's Pub better maintained, with the possibility of replacing the grass with an alternative such as brick.

B. Citizen Comments on Non-Agenda Items

There were no comments.

4. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

MOTION: Motion by Marcotte, supported by Fielder to accept the agenda as presented.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

Council Member Voigt	Aye
Mayor Pro Tem Marcotte	Aye
Council Member Bates	Aye
Council Member Fielder	Aye
Mayor Conley	Aye

Motion Carried.

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A. September 20, 2021, Regular Meeting of the City Council

MOTION: Motion by Fielder, supported by Marcotte to approve the Minutes of the Regular City Council Meeting held on Monday, September 20, 2021.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

Mayor Pro Tem Marcotte	Aye
Council Member Bates	Aye
Council Member Fielder	Aye
Council Member Voigt	Aye
Mayor Conley	Aye

Motion Carried.

6. GENERAL BUSINESS DISCUSSION

A) Update on Election Accreditation – Tim and Briana

City Manager Robinson updated Council that both Tim McLean and Briana Hootman had successfully completed the training and testing to become accredited for elections.

B) Resolution 21-079 – Accepting Donation to Police Reserves from CBC

MOTION: Motion by Fielder, supported by Marcotte to approve the \$500 donation made to the Belleville Police Reserves by the Belleville Central Business Community

ROLL CALL VOTE:

Council Member Bates	Aye
Council Member Fielder	Aye
Council Member Voigt	Aye
Mayor Pro Tem Marcotte	Aye
Mayor Conley	Aye

Motion Carried.

C) Addition of Two Small Cement Pads at Horizon Park - Discussion

Council Member Voigt discussed the placement of cement pads in Horizon Park for the installment of two sculptures donated to the city by the Belleville Area Council for the Arts.

7. ACCOUNTS PAYABLE AND DEPARTMENTAL EXPENDITURES

MOTION: Motion by Marcotte, supported by Bates to approve **Resolution 21-080** authorizing Accounts Payable and Departmental Expenditures as presented.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

Mayor Pro Tem Marcotte	Aye
Council Member Bates	Aye
Council Member Fielder	Aye
Council Member Voigt	Aye
Mayor Conley	Aye

Motion Carried.

8. CITY MANAGER COMMENTS

- City Manager Robinson said Judge Oakley from the 34th District Court has been confirmed to be present for the Changing of the Guard for the incoming Council Members on December 6, 2021.

- Stated that he has received one application so far for the Charter Amendment Committee.

- Mentioned that the city is still looking for applicants for the DDA and Civil Service Committee.

9. CITY COUNCIL MEMBER COMMENTS

- Council Member Fielder:

-- Fielder let everyone know that Van Buren Township has formally closed the Belleville Area Museum.

- Council Member Voigt:

-- Voigt said that he believes the museum situation is being poorly handled.

- Council Member Marcotte

-- Marcotte expressed that he is looking forward to all the events taking place this October.

- Council Member Bates

-- Bates said she is glad to hear that Tim and Briana have completed the election accreditation.

-- Commented that she is happy about the donation made to the Belleville Police Reserves.

-- Reminded everyone about the veteran banners that can be purchased, with the profits going to perpetual care for the city's veteran's memorial.

10. MAYOR'S COMMENTS

- Mayor Conley mentioned that the Belleville Future Club meeting was well attended and highlighted a lot of things happening in the area.

- Commented that the Booville version of the Belleville Beat was very nicely done.

- Reminded everyone that the last pickup for yard waste will be the last week of November.

11. CITIZENS COMMENTS

- John Juriga expressed that the Planning Commission is not having enough meetings, and that members of the committee have questions about the new development at Main St. and Liberty.

- Rosemary Otzman let everyone know that the Belleville Area District Library is now sponsoring the paper recycling bin.

12. ACTION ITEMS FOR NEXT REGULARLY SCHEDULED MEETING

- None

13. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: Motion by Bates, supported by Voigt to adjourn at 8:28 p.m.

No objections were noted.

Motion Carried.

Briana Hootman, City Clerk/Treasurer

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The Belleville Area Museum is closed until further notice.



City of Belleville Public Notice



Hillside Cemetery Advisory Committee

REQUEST FOR VOLUNTEERS

**Flag Placement for Veterans' Day 2021
8:30 a.m. on Saturday, November 6th
(Rain date: November 7th)**



The Cemetery Advisory Committee will be placing American Flags on the graves of all veterans who are buried at Hillside Cemetery on Denton Road.

We will begin placing flags on Saturday, November 6th at 8:30 a.m. and need volunteers to help. Each Cemetery section takes only about one hour of work.

Please consider this small sacrifice of time and join us to honor our veterans who fought to keep us free.



Briana Hootman
City Clerk/Treasurer

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Van Buren Township Police Dispatch Log

There were 306 dispatch calls reported by Van Buren Township police last week including the following.

Sunday, Oct. 10:

0011 – property damage accident, Morton Taylor
0047 – suicidal person, Sheldon Rd.
0110 – noise complaint, Oak Ln.
0116 – personal injury accident, E. I-94/Belleville
0120 – domestic, S. I-94 Service Dr.
0209 – property damage accident, Michigan Ave. / Rawsonville Rd.
0231 – assist other dept., Michigan Ave./Dellor St.
0235 – suicidal person, Maple Dr.
0258 – assist other dept., Fay Dr.
0336 – suicidal person, S. Ponderosa Trl.
0353 – property damage accident, Rawsonville
0515 – disorderly, Cobblestone Creek Dr.
0609 – suspicious person/vehicle, Denton Rd.
0933 – fraud, Ash Dr.
1017 – disorderly, S. I-94 Service Dr.
1139 – domestic, Winchester St.
1157 – assist citizen, Ecorse Rd.
1230 – sexual assault, Sadie Ln.
1246 – suspicious person/vehicle, Belleville Rd.
1304 – suspicious person/vehicle, Belleville Rd.
1320 – threat, Maple Dr.
1436 – retail fraud, Belleville Rd.
1500 – ordinance violation, Holly
1510 – suspicious person/vehicle, Kirkridge Park condos
1606 – suspicious person/vehicle, Kirkridge Park Dr.
2003 – assist citizen, Prairiegrass Ct./Sage Cir.
2124 – suspicious person/vehicle, Richard Run Dr.
2205 – shooting, Martinsville Rd./Haverhill Rd.
2353 – family trouble, Denton Rd.

Monday, Oct. 11:

0132 – welfare check, Kirkridge Park Dr.
0256 – assault & battery, N. I-94 Service Dr.
0340 – unauthorized driving away of auto, Beckley
0412 – suicidal person, Sumpter Rd.
0733 – property damage accident, E. Huron River Dr. / Haggerty Rd.
0741 – private property/property damage accident, Belleville Rd.
1036 – motorist assist, Lighthouse Dr.
1103 – domestic, Belleville Rd.
1108 – 911 welfare check, E. Huron River Dr.
1116 – missing person, Quirk Rd.
1201 – threat, Denton Rd.
1219 – suspicious person/vehicle, Belleville Rd.
1231 – property damage accident, Rawsonville Rd.
1234 – personal injury accident, Haggerty/I-94
1237 – property damage accident, Belleville/Tyler
1257 – missing person, Quirk Rd.
1331 – private property/property damage accident, Belleville Rd.
1400 – welfare check, N. Ponderosa Trl.
1429 – suspicious person/vehicle, Belleville Rd. / N. I-94 Service Dr.
1450 – property damage accident, Belleville Rd. / N. I-94 Service Dr.
1513 – threat, Lancaster Dr.
1512 – disorderly, Belleville Rd.
1523 – domestic, Hamilton St.
1536 – juvenile complaint, Quirk Rd.
1629 – harassment call, Meadows Cir.
1635 – missing person, Quirk Rd.
1636 – disorderly, N. I-94 Service Dr.
1657 – property damage accident, Belleville Rd. / S. I-94 Service Dr.
1825 – Menards property check, Belleville Rd.
1912 – Menards property check, Belleville Rd.
1929 – Meijer property check, Belleville Rd.
1930 – Meijer property check, Belleville Rd.
1927 – parking complaint, Oak Ln.
1953 – road hazard, Haggerty Rd./E. I-94 Haggerty ramp

2030 – property check, Parkwood
2036 – suicidal person, Parkwood Dr.
2056 – family trouble, Denton rd.
2224 – property check, Southport Apartments
2328 – property check, Kirkridge Park Condos

Tuesday, Oct. 12:

0556 – private property/property damage accident, Belleville Rd.
0735 – private property/property damage accident, Belleville Rd.
0737 – welfare check, Kirkridge Park Dr.

0817 – welfare check, Locust Dr.
1001 – malicious destruction of property, Denton
1000 – 911 welfare check, E. Huron River Dr.
1030 – missing person, Quirk Rd.
1137 – missing person, Quirk Rd.
1343 – family trouble, Kirkridge Park Dr.
1411 – fraud, Belleville Rd.
1614 – property damage accident, Jeremy Rd.
1703 – fraud, Belleville Rd.
1712 – suspicious person/vehicle, Belleville Rd.
1807 – abandoned auto, Belmont Dr.
1831 – Meijer property check, Belleville Rd.
1834 – Walmart property check, Belleville Rd.
1910 – traffic offense, Jackson St./Tyler Rd.
1921 – fraud, S. I-94 Service Dr.
2014 – overdose, McKinley St.
2037 – fight, Kirkridge Park Dr.
2132 – road hazard, Ecorse Rd./Belleville Rd.
2228 – welfare check, Van Buren St.
2247 – property damage accident, Ecorse/I-275
2308 – noise complaint, Madison Dr.
2310 – property check, N. Woodbury Dr.

Wednesday, Oct. 13:

0140 – Atchinson Ford property check, Belleville Rd.
0224 – suspicious person/vehicle, Rawsonville Rd.
0333 – harassment call, Lighthouse Dr.
0341 – suspicious person/vehicle, S. I-94 Service
0550 – malicious destruction of property, Denton
0734 – suspicious person/vehicle, Denton Rd.
0933 – motorist assist, Belleville Rd.
0939 – leaving the scene of a property damage accident, S. I-94 Service Dr./Rawsonville Rd.
1008 – parking complaint, Lindsey Dr.
1018 – neighbor trouble, Sheldon Rd.
1051 – property damage accident, Rawsonville Rd.
1127 – domestic, S. I-94 Service Dr.
1152 – fraud, Timberview Ct.
1230 – animal complaint, S. I-94 Service Dr.
1240 – domestic, S. I-94 Service Dr.
1306 – property damage accident, Belleville/Yost
1323 – assist other dept., N. Liberty St.
1351 – personal injury accident, Ecorse/I-275
1441 – disorderly, Haggerty Rd.
1444 – parking complaint, Lincoln St./Jackson St.
1509 – trespassing, Elwell Rd.
1556 – fraud, E. Main St.
1618 – road hazard, Haggerty/I-94
1824 – larceny from auto, Denton Rd.
1837 – larceny, Oak Ln.
1922 – domestic, Park Estates Dr.
2032 – property damage accident, Michigan Ave. / Denton Rd.
2131 – assist other dept., Kirkridge Park Dr.
2136 – suspicious person/vehicle, Hanover Dr.

Thursday, Oct. 14:

0002 – assist citizen, Belleville Rd.
0110 – motorist assist, Tyler Rd./Haggerty Rd.
0238 – disorderly, Belleville Rd.
0252 – property damage accident, Belleville Rd.
0420 – domestic, S. I-94 Service Dr.
0533 – larceny from auto, N. I-94 Service Dr.
0751 – missing person, Quirk Rd.
0842 – traffic offense, E. I-94/N. Belleville I-94 ramp E.
0953 – welfare check, Westlake Cir.
1121 – sexual assault, Sadie Ln.
1138 – property damage accident, Denton Rd./S. I-94 Service Dr.

1204 – personal injury accident, Savage Rd.
1220 – suspicious person/vehicle, S. I-94 Service
1348 – animal complaint, Tyler Rd.
1457 – animal complaint, S. I-94 Service Dr.
1511 – threat, Ecorse Rd.
1525 – road hazard, N. I-94 Service Dr./Haggerty
1608 – larceny, Old Rawsonville
1718 – disorderly, N. I-94 Service Dr.
1724 – assist other dept., Church St./Second St.
1749 – welfare check, Parkwood Dr.
1752 – assault & battery, Belleville Rd.
1758 – property damage accident, Belleville Rd.
1828 – property damage accident, Belleville Rd.
2012 – domestic, S. Ponderosa Trl.
2031 – juvenile complaint, Tavistock Dr. / Rolan Meadows Dr.
2048 – property damage accident, S. I-94 Service Dr. / Rawsonville Rd.
2105 – unauthorized driving away of auto, Denton
2210 – animal complaint, Van Born/Morton Taylor
2213 – property damage accident, Michigan Ave. / Denton Rd.

Friday, Oct. 15:

0042 – assist other dept., Rio Grande Dr.

0802 – animal complaint, Andover Dr.
0859 – property damage accident, N. I-94 Service Dr. / Belleville Rd.
1053 – welfare check, Sonrisa St.
1153 – animal complaint, Westlake Cir.
1209 – sexual assault, S. I-94 Service Dr.
1235 – leaving the scene of a property damage accident, Westlake Cir.
1255 – suicidal person, Lake Pointe Blvd.
1307 – lost property/child, Belleville Rd.
1351 – private property/property damage accident, Sawgrass Ct.
1355 – private property/property damage accident, Belleville Rd.
1433 – disorderly, Belleville Rd.
1438 – property damage accident, Haggerty Rd./S. I-94 Service Dr.
1447 – leaving the scene of a property damage accident, Ecorse Rd./Haggerty Rd.
1516 – assist other dept., N. I-94 Service Dr.
1529 – property damage accident, Belleville Rd.
1545 – property damage accident, Tyler Rd./Belleville Rd.
1559 – mental subject, Greenwood Ct.
1625 – property damage accident, Belleville Rd.
1631 – animal complaint, Jeremy Rd./Bradley Dr.
1652 – animal complaint, S. I-94 Service Dr.
1656 – property damage accident, Belleville Rd.
1736 – welfare check, Basswood Cir.
1747 – suspicious person/vehicle, Martz Rd.
1755 – sexual assault, Ecorse Rd.
1802 – neighbor trouble, Redwood Dr.
1809 – unauthorized driving away of auto, Denton
1824 – road hazard, Belleville Rd.
1915 – property damage accident, Denton/Mott
2007 – property damage accident, Rawsonville Rd. / Grove Rd.
2015 – leaving the scene of a property damage accident, Bemis Rd.
2105 – suspicious person/vehicle, Oak Ln.
2151 – Walmart property check, Belleville Rd.
2249 – suspicious person/vehicle, Belleville Rd.
2320 – road hazard, Belleville Rd./Westlake Cir.

Saturday, Oct. 16:

0027 – property check, Harbour Club
0115 – suspicious person/vehicle, Lilac Ln./Harbor
0207 – Menards property check, Belleville Rd.
0211 – property check, Southport Apartments
0244 – 911 welfare check, S. I-94 Service Dr.
0558 – assist other dept., W. I-94/Haggerty Rd.
0628 – mental subject, N. I-94 Service Dr./Morton Taylor Rd.
1027 – 911 welfare check, Denton Rd.
1048 – property damage accident, S. I-94 Service Dr. / Hannan Rd.
1109 – domestic, Holly Ln.
1238 – domestic, Bemis Rd.
1509 – malicious destruction of property, Price Rd.
1512 – 911 welfare check, Haggerty Rd.
1616 – domestic, Jeremy Rd.
1705 – threat, Richard Run Dr.
1714 – private property/property damage accident, Rawsonville Rd./S. I-94 Service Dr.
1809 – welfare check, Richard Run Dr.
1925 – leaving the scene of a property damage accident, Village Center Dr.
1958 – Menards property check, Belleville Rd.
2159 – retail fraud, Belleville Rd.

Also on this week's log are 45 traffic stops, six of which were on the I-94 freeway.

Belleville Police Dispatch Log

Sunday, Oct. 10:

0021 – assist other dept., Belleville Rd.
0338 – traffic stop, Sumpter Rd./Industrial Park
0412 – traffic stop, W. Columbia Ave.
0450 – traffic stop, Main St./Third St.
0928 – intrusion alarm, Breakwater Dr.
1037 – traffic stop, N. Biggs Ave./E. Huron River
1050 – traffic stop, Loza Ln./E. Huron River Dr.
1126 – traffic stop, Savage Rd./Victorian Ln.
1156 – traffic stop, Main St./First St.
1342 – missing person, Carmell St.
1347 – malicious destruction of property, E. Waterbury Ct.
1417 – welfare check, N. Liberty St.
1721 – operating while intoxicated, E. Huron River Dr.
1751 – malicious destruction of property, Carmell

1911 – neighbor trouble, Bay Pointe Dr.
1931 – welfare check, Henry St.
2233 – traffic stop, Harbour Pointe Dr./W. Huron River Dr.
Monday, Oct. 11:
0946 – private property/property damage accident, W. Columbia Ave.
0956 – intrusion alarm, Main St.
1106 – disorderly, W. Columbia Ave.
1107 – narcotics crime, W. Columbia Ave.
1109 – larceny, Owen St.
1702 – domestic, Carmell St.
1718 – property damage accident, Belleville Rd. / N. Liberty St.

1752 – robbery, Dos Rios
1852 – intrusion alarm, W. Waterbury Ct.
2022 – intrusion alarm, Henry St.
2100 – traffic stop, N. Edgemont/E. Huron River

Tuesday, Oct. 12:

0822 – property damage accident, Belle Villa Blvd. / Menlo Park Dr.
1153 – assault & battery, W. Columbia Ave.
1434 – suspicious person/vehicle, Owen St.
1546 – background investigation, Main St.
1718 – missing person, W. Columbia Ave.
1754 – intrusion alarm, W. Columbia Ave.
1811 – suspicious person/vehicle, Fourth St.
2104 – intrusion alarm, E. Huron River Dr.
2114 – welfare check, Carmell St.
2243 – intrusion alarm, Main St.

Wednesday, Oct. 13:

0143 – traffic stop, Sumpter Rd./Spencer St.
0435 – traffic stop, Main St./High St.
0933 – assist fire dept., W. Thornhill Ct.
1208 – trespassing, Loza Ln.
1236 – suicidal person, N. Liberty St.
1317 – assist other dept., N. Liberty St.
1514 – property damage accident, E. Wabash Ave. / South St.

1636 – missing person, Carmell St.
1711 – suspicious person/vehicle, Brain St.
1933 – traffic stop, High St./Main St.
2007 – traffic stop, High St./Main St.
2022 – traffic stop, Main St./Roys St.
2059 – traffic stop, W. Columbia Ave.
2126 – suspicious person/vehicle, W. Columbia

Thursday, Oct. 14:

0100 – traffic stop, N. Liberty St./Main St.
1053 – harassment call, Main St.
1319 – disorderly, W. Columbia Ave.
1431 – traffic stop, Main St.
1437 – traffic stop, Main St./Fifth St.
1441 – juvenile complaint, W. Columbia Ave.
1515 – traffic stop, W. Columbia Ave.
1533 – traffic stop, W. Columbia Ave.
1543 – assist fire dept., Second St.
1710 – traffic stop, Church St.
1718 – traffic stop, Church St./Second St.
2136 – traffic stop, E. Huron River Dr./Biggs Ave.
2314 – intrusion alarm, Main St.

Friday, Oct. 15:

1125 – background investigation, Main St.
1308 – suspicious person/vehicle, Main St.
1959 – private property/property damage accident, Main St.
2218 – traffic stop, W. Huron River Dr./Harbour Pointe Dr.

Saturday, Oct. 16:

0139 – traffic stop, Main St./Fourth St.
0308 – 911 welfare check, Wexford Ave.
1214 – assist fire dept., main St.
1347 – traffic stop, South St./E. Wabash Ave.
1423 – traffic stop, Main St./First St.
1942 – larceny, South St.
2131 – traffic stop, Main St./First St.

There were 28 traffic stops on this week's log.

Sumpter Township Police Dispatch Log

Sunday, Oct. 10:

1154 – assist other agency, Stonecrest Dr.
1233 – alarm, 46000 bl. Claxton Dr.
1644 – follow-up investigation, out of township
1730 – fire dept. assist, 44000 bl. Willis Rd.
1805 – suspicious vehicle, 8200 bl. Rawsonville
1808 – civil matter, 18000 bl. Martinsville Rd.

Monday, Oct. 11:

0629 – suspicious person, 17000 bl. Martinsville
0702 – alarm, 23000 bl. Bohn Rd.

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VBT Plan

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so the plan is to pay into a fund for future sidewalk across the county drain.

Krishnan pointed out National RV is to the west of this property and Camping World to the east.

Ornamental grasses and perennials will be used in front in lieu of shrubs so the new tractors can be seen. An existing sanitary

Sumpter Township Police Dispatch Log

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0817 – property damage accident, 47000 bl. Harris
0834 – property damage accident, Rustic Ln.
0959 – fire dept. assist, 23000 bl. Martinsville Rd.
1057 – 911 hang up, 22000 bl. Bohn Rd.
1116 – larceny, 50000 bl. Willis Rd.
1323 – 911 hang up, Timberlane Dr.
1405 – suspicious circumstance, 28000 bl. Sherwood Rd.
1423 – 911 hang up, 25000 bl. Clark Rd.
1652 – suspicious circumstance, Brookview Dr.
1739 – citizen assist, Carriage Ln.
1818 – civil matter, 5100 bl. Oakville Waltz Rd.
1835 – suspicious vehicle, 5600 bl. Oakville Waltz
1842 – assist other agency, 29000 bl. Elwell Rd.
1843 – suspicious person, Brookview Dr.
2107 – 911 hang up, 46000 bl. Wear Rd.
2325 – warrant arrest, 23000 bl. Elwell Rd.

Tuesday, Oct. 12:

1018 – alarm, 13000 bl. Rawsonville Rd.
1130 – larceny, 8200 bl. Rawsonville Rd.
1337 – citizen assist, E. Arizona St.
1611 – fire dept. assist, 48000 bl. Wear Rd.
1936 – civil matter, Knollwood Dr.
2311 – welfare check, 40000 bl. Judd Rd.

Wednesday, Oct. 13:

0015 – citizen assist, Rawsonville Rd./Willis
0645 – mental health call, Timberlane Dr.
0900 – citizen assist, 42000 bl. Wear Rd.
1041 – property damage accident, Oakville Waltz Rd. / Clark Rd.
1219 – 911 hang up, 21000 bl. Martinsville Rd.
1549 – fire dept. assist, 46000 bl. Willow Rd.
1741 – fire dept. assist, Hampshire Dr.
1812 – juvenile complaint, Second St.
2351 – suspicious vehicle, 42000 bl. Willis Ct.
2357 – family trouble, Second St.

Thursday, Oct. 14:

0909 – subpoena service, Virginia St.
1128 – welfare check, 21000 bl. Martinsville Rd.
1202 – suspicious person, 20000 bl. Haggerty Rd.
1740 – property damage accident, Sumpter/Willis
1858 – fire dept. assist, 18000 bl. Elwell Rd.

Friday, Oct. 15:

0303 – fire dept. assist, 23000 bl. Sherwood Rd.
0906 – lost property, 47000 bl. Willis Rd.
1042 – fire dept. assist, 8500 bl. Rawsonville Rd.
1315 – fire dept. assist, 21000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
1317 – fire dept. assist, 22000 bl. Fenster Ave.
1355 – fire dept. assist, 47000 bl. Bemis Rd.
1605 – suspicious circumstance, 5600 bl. Oakville Waltz Rd.

1612 – family trouble, 22000 bl. Bohn Rd.
1908 – civil matter, 22000 bl. Bohn Rd.
2110 – fire dept. assist, Rustic Ln.
2144 – civil matter, 46000 bl. Weimer Dr.
2146 – fire dept. assist, 50000 bl. Wear Rd.
2321 – suspicious circumstance, 24000 bl. Sherwood Rd.

Saturday, Oct. 16:

0037 – citizen assist, Rawsonville Rd./Willis Rd.
0301 – civil matter, Rustic Ln.
0809 – suspicious circumstance, 5400 bl. Oakville Waltz Rd.

1035 – suspicious circumstance, 8100 bl. Rawsonville Rd.

1241 – alarm, 4900 bl. Oakville Waltz Rd.
1731 – shots fired, 20000 bl. Karr Rd.
1918 – fire dept. assist, 22000 bl. Haggerty Rd.
2105 – suspicious vehicle, 24000 bl. Sherwood Rd.
Also on this week's log are 96 patrol checks, 27 traffic stops, and six misc. details.

sewer runs in front of the property, but there is no water line and Kenworth will have to extend a line 600 feet to its site.

Brickman said the goal is to have the facility look like a high-end car dealership.

Treasurer Budd rejoined the meeting.

In other business at the almost three-hour meeting, the commission:

- Granted preliminary site plan approval to construct a secondary drive-through lane with landscaping and architectural improvements for the remodeling of the Burger King restaurant at 11550 Belleville Rd.;

- Approved another one-year temporary land use for property at 8705 Belleville Rd. for Atchinson Ford to park turned-in leased and new vehicle inventory;

- Postponed to a future meeting discussion on a zoning ordinance text amendment on outdoor dining and retail because it was already 10 p.m.;

- Heard Planning and Economic Development Director Dan Power update commissioners on Cox Automotive's plan to reoccupy the building space formerly owned by Wellington Steel for storage and testing of battery packs. The site is a 19.24-acre parcel at 39635 S. I-94 Service Dr.;

- Heard Director Power say the Camping World redevelopment final site plan was approved in December 2020 and they demolished the east wing in September and are back to their original plans;

- Was informed Commission Chairperson Carol Thompson is moving out of the township and so will be leaving the commission. Commissioners and staff showered her with compliments on her work. She thanked them for the bouquet of flowers. She said she is moving to Elk Rapids and if you are passing through, stop and say, "hi";

- Was informed Matthew Best, director of public services, is also leaving. Commissioners wished him good luck and said he will be very much missed. Best said, "You are in good hands with Dan Power."

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